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TAGS: PINT, FR, OVIP (MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS)

SUBJECT: MITTERRAND REQUESTS NEW DATES FOR APPOINTMENT  
WITH SECRETARY

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MITTERRAND, SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) HAS REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF MITTERRAND CALL ON SECRETARY TO PERIOD NOVEMBER 22 - 30. PARTY STAFF MADE CLEAR THAT MITTERRAND WAS VERY PLEASED BY SECRETARY'S EARLIER AGREEMENT TO A MEETING AND THAT HE REGRETTED THE NECESSITY OF POSTPONING HIS TRIP.

2. MITTERRAND HAS BEEN WARNED OF POSSIBLE UNION ACTIONS IN FRANCE DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE HIS PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER CONSIDERING THE MATTER, HIS STAFF HAS ADVISED HIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE FALL RENTREE IS WELL BEHIND AND UNION ACTIONS HAVE BEEN FINISHED.

COMMENT: UNION/POLITICAL PARTY RELATIONS IN FRANCE ARE SUCH THAT THIS POSITION IS QUITE BELIEVABLE. WITH ALL PROJECTIONS INDICATING THAT EVEN GOF FIGURES WILL SHOW A 1.1 MILLION UNEMPLOYED FIGURE BY THE EARLY FALL, IT IS NATURAL TO FIND MITTERRAND SEEKING A WAY TO BRING THE PS INTO THE FOREFRONT OF WHAT HE ANTICIPATES MAY BE A FALL MADE UP OF SOCIAL STRIFE. END COMMENT

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3. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT A MEETING BETWEEN MITTERRAND

AND THE SECRETARY AND, IF POSSIBLE, A MEETING WITH THE  
PRESIDENT WOULD SERVE USG INTERESTS. WHILE WE ARE UNSURE  
OF THE EXTENT OF THE UNION ACTIONS TO WHICH HIS STAFF  
REFERRED MITTERRAND'S REQUEST FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF HIS  
TRIP IS NOT THE ONLY SIGN WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD OF  
INCREASING APPREHENSION FOR A DIFFICULT FALL. WE ARE  
THUS INCLINED TO READ NO OTHER POLITICAL MOTIVATION INTO  
THE REQUEST FOR A NOVEMBER MEETING, AND FEEL THAT  
MITTERRAND'S STAFF MAY HAVE OVER-PROGRAMMED HIM FOR THE  
PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 15.  
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